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SUBJ: CCMS: URBAN TRANSPORTATION PILOT STUDY, BUS

PRIORITY SUBPROJECT

1. SUMMARY. EXPERTS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES MET IN LONDON ON MAY 14 AND 15 TO REPORT ON THE EXPERIENCES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES WITH VARIOUS TYPES OF BUS PRIORITY MEASURES, TO DISCUSS THE PREPARATION OF A STATE OF THE ARTS REPORT, AND TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT MIGHT BE PROPOSED TO THE NATO COUNCIL. BUS PRIORITY SCHEMES WERE GENERALLY FOUND TO BE GAINING IN FAVOR AND ACCEPTANCE, ALTHOUGH THE MOTIVATION FOR THEIR ADOPTION

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HAS BEEN CHANGING IN SOME CASES FROM THE SIMPLE AVOID-

ANCE OF CONGESTION TO ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE OUTLINE OF THE SUBPROJECT REPORT AND DRAFTING ASSIGNMENTS MADE. AN ON SITE INSPECTION OF BUS PRIORITY MEASURES IN THE LONDON AREA WAS MADE BY THE EXPERTS. THE NEXT MEETING OF EXPERTS WAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR PARIS ON OCTOBER 16 AND 17 AND A FINAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON IN MAY OR JUNE 1975. END SUMMARY.

2. THE UNITED KINGDOM REPORTED THAT TRAFFIC SIGNAL PRIORITY FOR BUSES WILL BE EXPANDED. THEIR EXPERIMENTAL SITES HAVE PROVEN SUCCESSFUL AND A WIDE SCALE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM IS NOW PLANNED. THE BUSES ARE ABLE TO TURN A TRAFFIC SIGNAL GREEN AS THEY APPROACH AN INSTRUMENTED INTERSECTION. THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL THEN COMPENSATES FOR THE CHANGE IN TIMING DURING THE NEXT SIGNAL PHASE.

3. FRANCE REPORTED ON CONTRA-FLOW LANES THAT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED IN PARIS. THIS PROGRAM IS CONTINUING. A REPORT WAS ALSO MADE ON A COMPREHENSIVE BUS PRIORITY SCHEME AND TRAFFIC CONSTRAINT SCHEME IN BESANCON. AUTOMOBILES WILL BE DISCOURAGED FROM USING THE STREETS IN THE CITY CENTER.

4. THE UNITED STATES REPORTED ON THE EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE USE OF ALL HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLES (BUSES AND CARPOOLS) DURING THE GASOLINE SHORTAGES IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1974. THE MAIN EFFORT WAS DESCRIBED AND RESULTS DISCUSSED. A FHWA MOVIE TITLED "PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLES" WAS SHOWN WITH A GOOD RESPONSE. THE MOVIE WAS LOANED TO THE FRENCH EXPERT FOR FURTHER SHOWINGS IN PARIS.
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